

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Nigel Paul Maynard *et al.*      Art Unit : 3749  
Serial No. : 10/580,160      Examiner : Leung, Philip H.  
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Title : Improved Treatment Process for Conditioning a Lignocellulosic Substrate

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO NON-FINAL ACTION OF OCTOBER 16, 2008

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: